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The Senate met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session. Senator Don Harmon, Oak Park, Illinois, presiding. Prayer by Pastor Shaun Lewis, Capitol Commission, Springfield, Illinois. Senator Clayborne led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

July 30, 2012

Honorable Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Anderson:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2012-234, filed in my office on July 30, 2012, by Governor Pat Quinn, calling for a Special Session of the 97th General Assembly, to begin at 1:00 p.m. on August 17, 2012.

A notice and accompanying Proclamations have been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2011, I took the Constitutional oath of office to become Governor of the State of Illinois, solemnly swearing to uphold both the Illinois Constitution and the Constitution of the United States, and promising to "faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Governor to the best of my abilities"; and

WHEREAS, I am committed to fulfilling my oath of office to serve the people of the State of Illinois by ensuring that government operates responsibly, and restoring fiscal stability to the State; and

WHEREAS, the State is currently facing an unprecedented pension crisis that, unchecked, compromises the State's credit rating and threatens the continued delivery of vital programs and services including education, public safety and human services; and

WHEREAS, the current unfunded pension liability of more than \$83 billion is unsustainable and costs taxpayers millions of dollars every day it goes unaddressed; and

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WHEREAS, the State's fiscal year 2013 budget is \$33.7 billion, approximately 15 percent of which will go toward pensions alone; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2012, I proposed a Public Pension Stabilization Plan that would have eliminated the unfunded liability to secure 100 percent actuarial funding of the pension systems by 2042; and

WHEREAS, I have continued work with the leaders of all four legislative caucuses to introduce legislation that would eliminate the State's unfunded pension liability; stabilize and strengthen the pension system and ensure that the public employees who have faithfully contributed to the system receive benefits; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Illinois taxpayers that measures to strengthen and reform the State's pension systems be adopted and implemented without further delay; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor, as Chief Executive, to convene special session of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I, Governor Pat Quinn, hereby call and convene the 97th General Assembly in a special session to commence on August 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering any legislation, new or pending, which addresses pension reform.

s/Pat Quinn
Pat Quinn
Governor

Dated: July 30, 2012

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Clayborne offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Clayborne offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President direct the Secretary to notify his Excellency, the Governor, that the First Special Session of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly is now duly in session in pursuance of his proclamation, and is ready to receive any message he may desire to submit.

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The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Clayborne offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that a Committee of three (3) members of the Senate be appointed, two (2) members to be appointed by the President and one (1) member to be appointed by the Minority Leader, to approve any and all Journals of the Senate for all days of the First Special Session of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly where such Journals, prior to adjournment SINE DIE, have not been approved by the body as a whole.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair announced the following committee to meet at 1:15 o'clock p.m.:

Executive Appointments in Room 212

At the hour of 1:08 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess subject to the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

At the hour of 2:26 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Harmon, presiding.

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

Senator Muñoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred **Appointment Message No. 424**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate do advise and consent.

Under the rules, the foregoing appointment message is eligible for consideration by the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

SENATE BILL NO. 1. Introduced by Senator Harmon, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

Senator Muñoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, moved that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session to consider the report of that Committee relative to the appointment message.

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senator Muñoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred Appointment Message 424, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment:

Appointment Message No. 0424

Title of Office: Director

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Start Date: April 2, 2012

End Date: January 21, 2013

Name: David Vaught

Residence: 1135 Gateshead Dr., Naperville, IL 60564

Annual Compensation: \$142,339

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Thomas Johnson

Most Recent Holder of Office: Warren Ribley

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Senator Muñoz moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointment. And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

YEAS 49; NAYS None; Present 2.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Haine	Lightford	Rezin
Bivins	Harmon	Link	Righter
Bomke	Holmes	Luechtefeld	Sandack
Brady	Hunter	Maloney	Sandoval
Clayborne	Jacobs	Martinez	Schmidt
Collins, A.	Johnson, C.	McCann	Steans
Collins, J.	Johnson, T.	McGuire	Sullivan
Crotty	Jones, E.	Mulroe	Syverson
Cultra	Jones, J.	Muñoz	Trotter
Delgado	Koehler	Murphy	Mr. President
Dillard	Kotowski	Noland	
Forby	Landek	Pankau	
Frerichs	Lauzen	Radogno	

The following voted present:

Duffy
McCarter

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointment.

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On motion of Senator Muñoz, the Executive Session arose and the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Harmon, presiding.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by

Mr. Mapes, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following House Joint Resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, August 17, 2012, the House stands adjourned until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until the call of the President.

Adopted by the House, August 17, 2012.

TIMOTHY D. MAPES, Clerk of the House

By unanimous consent, on motion of Senator Clayborne, the foregoing message reporting House Joint Resolution No. 1 was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Clayborne moved that the Senate concur with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed.

And the Senate concurred with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR

Senator Duffy had an inquiry of the Chair as to whether the Senate would be doing any work today that pertains to the Governor's proclamation that called for this special session.

The Chair responded that the Governor and the legislative leaders met this morning, that there is potential action in the House on the topic of the special session, and that the Senate will be standing in recess to await any legislative measures that come over from the House.

At the hour of 2:55 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess subject to the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

At the hour of 3:58 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Harmon, presiding.

At the hour of 3:59 o'clock p.m., pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 1**, the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until the call of the President.

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